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In the Claims:

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Please cancel claims 1, 8, 11, and 15.

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Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) An expression vector comprising a polynucleotide of claim [1] 18 operably linked to an expression control sequence.

Please add the following claims:

- 18. An isolated polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:
- a) a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having at least 90% identity to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:304;
 - b) a polynucleotide having at least 95% identity to the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:301;
 - c) a polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO: 301; and
 - d) the corresponding complements of sequences a), b), or c).
19. An isolated composition comprising a first component selected from a group consisting of physiologically acceptable carriers and immunostimulants, and a second component comprising a polypeptide according to claim 18.
20. A diagnostic kit comprising at least one oligonucleotide that hybridizes to SEQ ID NO: 301, under moderately stringent conditions.--